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FOR: USE OF DHEA OR PRECURSORS :  
OR METABOLIC DERIVATIVES  
THEREOF AS A DEPIGMENTING  
AGENT

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a)**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.312(a) as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 7 of this paper.